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Hello everyone,

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, OWOW hosted a **webinar on Ocean Acidification monitoring** in National Estuary Program (NEP) Study Areas. The purpose of the webinar was to allow members of the NEP community and their collaborators to discuss the status of their monitoring efforts and exchange lessons learned. Representatives of *Casco Bay*, *Coastal Bend Bays*, *Barnegat Bay*, *Long Island Sound*, *San Francisco Bay*, *Santa Monica Bay*, and *Tampa Bay* gave short presentations on their monitoring efforts. A second webinar will occur this summer to allow trouble-shooting on the monitoring issues identified. Kudos to **Brian Rappoli (OWOW)** for organizing and conducting the webinar, with assistance from **Bernice Smith (OWOW)**, and **Julia Schaefer-Gomez (OWOW-ORISE)**.

Also this week, I want to thank **Dolores Wesson (OWOW)**, who on May 24 presented to the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) on the role of **Blue Carbon**. Blue carbon refers to the carbon sequestered and stored in the soils and vegetation of tidal wetlands (e.g., mangroves and marshes) and seagrass meadows. This effort builds on past work and strong interest of the National Estuary Program network in blue carbon and the Climate-Ready Estuaries program. Other agencies presenting to the NAS included the Department of Energy, NOAA, and USGS. The NAS study will develop a detailed research and development agenda and assess the benefits, risks, and sustainable long-term potential for various removal and sequestration approaches, including blue carbon. Thanks also to **Amanda Santoni (OWOW)**, **Brian Rappoli (OWOW)**, **Michael Craghan (OWOW)** and **Julia Schaefer-Gomez (OWOW-ORISE)** for their assistance in developing this presentation.

A congratulation goes out to **OST's Ifeyinwa Davis** who has been selected to serve as the Special Emphasis Program Manager for the Federal Women's Program (FWP), including Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), and as co-chair (**with Louise Kitamura**) of the Special Emphasis Program Advisory Council for the Office of Water. This is a 2-year assignment beginning on 5/30/17 and ending on 5/29/19. Ifeyinwa has served the last 2 years as the SEPM manager for the Federal Women's Program and was asked to stay on for another 2 year stint, as well as becoming the co-chair of the larger Advisory Council.

Finally, this week, OGWDW published the **Federal Register Notice that announced the peer reviewers and provided meeting logistics for the Peer Review of Proposed Modeling Approaches for a Health-Based Benchmark for Lead in Drinking Water**. A big thank you to the team that facilitated moving the FRN along from development to publication including **Lameka Smith (OGWDW), Leslie Darman (OGWDW), Christina Wadlington (OGWDW) and Stephanie Flaharty (OGWDW)**.

Monday is **Memorial Day**-This is a holiday in which we honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Please remember those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

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